

REMARKS

The specification is amended. The claims are not amended. Claims 2-3, 12, 13, and 17 were previously canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 4-11, 14-16, and 18-20 are pending.

While entry of this amendment is at the discretion of the Examiner, because the amendment only corrects formal matters in the specification, applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment before issuance.

MPEP 714.16 recites: "After the Notice of Allowance has been mailed, the application is technically no longer under the jurisdiction of the primary examiner. He or she can, however, make examiner's amendments (see MPEP § 1302.04) and has authority to enter amendments submitted after Notice of Allowance of an application which embody merely the correction of formal matters in the specification or drawing, or formal matters in a claim without changing the scope thereof, or the cancellation of claims from the application, without forwarding to the supervisory patent examiner for approval (emphasis added)."

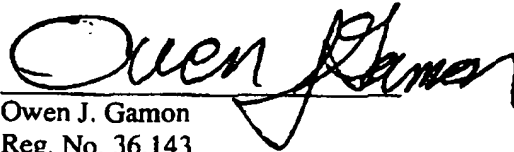
Thus, the Examiner has the authority under MPEP 714.16 to enter amendments after the Notice of Allowance has been mailed that merely correct formal matters in the specification, and the present amendment corrects the summary and abstract to conform to the allowed claims, which is a mere formal matter in the specification, so applicant respectfully requests its entry.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (651-645-7135) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0465.

Respectfully submitted,



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